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MEMORANDUM FOR:	Director of Central Intelligence Deputy Director of Central Intelligence	
SUBJECT:	Soviet Reactions to US Strategic Force Options	25X1
soviet reactions for modernizing requested, we has such an estimate material it woul ment which are to 2. Of imposits completion. Defense on both that the estimat Weinberger information week. You there US ballistic mistrather than asses the DoD. On the force planning in Secretary of Defenot be made quick detailed estimate.		25X1
briefing from Do	tep approach for preparing the estimate outlined in the attachment nsive to the present situation: After we receive a background D on US program options, we would take about two weeks to prepare ation summarizing Soviet reactions in terms of weapon programs,	

characteristics and performance and operational employment. This study would be an NFAC product. We would produce in about two months an estimate which would address Soviet reactions to various US options. The more detailed estimate would be coordinated with other intelligence agencies.

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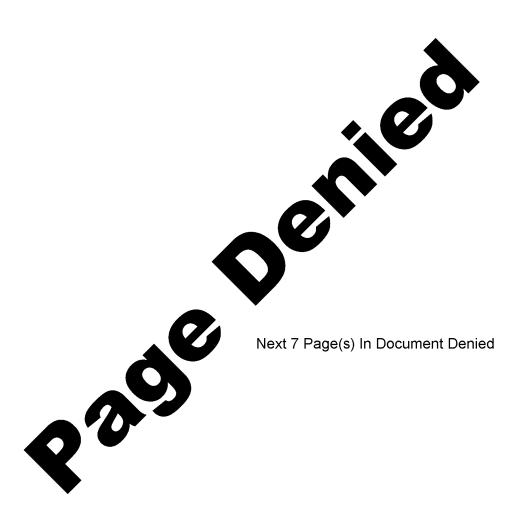
4. Your reactions to the suggested approach are requested, including your guidance as to whether we should limit our assessment of possible Soviet responses to US ballistic missile programs to the alternative selected by Secretary Weinberger.

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According to our most recent and admittedly imperfect information, the major U.S. strategic systems are scheduled for introduction as follows:

cruise missiles - 1982-83

Trident - 1982

MX - 1986, under the original MPS basing scheme